



Energy Improvement District
Hank Ashforth – Chairman
Robert Hartt
Michael Pollard
Polly Rauh
Joel Selden

Energy Improvement District
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, Connecticut 06901

Minutes for April 15, 2014 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

EID Members

Hank Ashforth - Chairman
Bob Hartt
Michael Pollard
Polly Rauh

Absent - Joel Selden

Economic Development Staff

Robin Stein
Jackie Belmonte
Kathy Ruther

Guests:

Lou Casolo, Nancy Pipicelli – City of Stamford Engineering
Chris Halpin, Chris Lotspeich – Celtic Energy (via phone)
Brad Shaw and Justin Bevis – CL&P
Joe McGee – Business Council of Fairfield County
Megan Saunders – 2030 District, CT Fund for the Environment

Meeting came to order at 8:45am and was presided over by Chairman Hank Ashforth.

Issues Discussed:

1. Joe McGee introduces Megan Saunders to the group, Megan is heading up the 2030 program in the Stamford area.
2. Previous minutes approved with minor edit (from February 18, 2014). March meeting did not have a quorum.
3. **Celtic Energy Report**
May 28th and 29th kickoff, audit continues, “energy coordination meeting”. Lou discussing Engineering Dept. involvement and concerns – operation and maintenance once the project is operational. Lou also discussed funding, Board of Ed should fully understand that savings checks are going to the City and not the Board of Ed. Hank discussed municipalities taking on these projects – preparedness issue, but agrees there are a lot of questions. {Bob Hartt enters} Lou says 911 Center is priority, but still concerned about operational issues. Brad says CL&P has made upgrades recently. Discussion around changing the list of schools included in the project. Chris Halpin discusses how project might be impacted by, and identifying, sources of potential funding (grants, CEFIA). More discussion around maintenance of equipment (staffing for operating the equipment going forward). Chris Lotspeich discusses combined heat and power, and fuel cell. DEEP would love to see that, but it depends on the process. 911 dropping – not disconnecting from the grid with this project. ESPC – only 5% don’t succeed, not 5% of all projects.
4. Robin mentioned new development of Randy Salvatore buildings right next door to Stamford Government Center, suggests there might be opportunities for cooperation there.

General agreement that Audit will show how much this project would save, and reveal answers to all these concerns and questions. Timing of audit completion will depend on Nancy Pipicelli’s workload and availability.

Lou mentioned selection committee, asking Robin to oversee the selection committee.

Celtic want to bring in Board of Ed, Chris will follow up with Polly. Who determines which schools are designated as shelters?

Polly mentioned Tully Center – how can we include that facility? Proximity to Stamford High. Issues around crossing the street.

Board should invite Stamford Hospital back for an update. Let's learn about crossing the street with a hospital.

Hot water / chilled water CAN cross the Street

Schedule next meeting for Ernie to participate.

Chris L. – Matt Ward is looking at grant funding and EID should invite.

Genevieve has more financing options available.

Justin Bevis says CL&P's environmental team can help with consulting; CL&P may also have funding options available.

5. Guest for future meetings. Board members would like to invite the following community members to discuss involvement in this or future projects.

Ernie Orgera – WPCA and Waste to Energy proposals
CL& P Environmental Team – Justin Bevis as contact
Stamford Hospital – update on project

6. Meeting Schedule
Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Ruther